

**Extract of Testimony before the Defense Sub-committee
of the House Appropriations' Committee**

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Mr. Whitten:

Mr. Director, I too have appreciated the way in which you have presented this matter. I am very glad indeed that we are having a balanced presentation. I speak for myself only. In prior years we have had the Services present their requests for appropriations at which time certain figures were submitted as to the Soviet situation, and then usually, and I should say without exception, they have been asked their individual opinions as to what was needed. In some places, from my own recollection, the figures presented have not had the balanced presentation that you have given here in that you have given to us for the first time, to my knowledge, the relative weaknesses that you have to rely on some time; I mean the slight amount of information that points this way or that, which, of course, is bound to happen. But it does give us some basis on which to look to base our judgment.